

REMARKS

This response and amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 26, 2009 (hereafter "office action"), having a shortened three-month statutory period set to expire March 26, 2009 with a one-month extension of time to respond. The examiner had rejected pending claims 3 to 11 and 38 for the reason stated in the office action. The examiner also indicated allowable subject matter in claims 12 to 14, and applicants appreciate the examiner's indication of the allowability of these claims.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 102

The examiner rejected claims 3 to 11 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,100,928 to Hata. (hereafter "the Hata reference") for the reasons indicated in the office action (The examiner actually indicated on page 2 of the office action that claim 14 is rejected, but applicants assume that this is a typographical error since the examiner never provided substantive reasons for rejecting claim 14 and indicated its allowability in other parts of the office action.). However, applicants have decided to instead amend claims 12, 13, and 14 and to re-write them in independent form.

Claims 6, 9, 10, and 11 have been amended to now depend from allowable claim 12. Claims 5, 7 and 8 have been respectively cancelled since they are all now incorporated into each of claims 12, 13, and 14. Claims 3, 4, and 38 have been respectively cancelled. New claims 39 to 42 are the same dependent claims as claims 6, 9, 10, and 11 except that claims 39 to 42 depend from claim 13 instead of claim 12. New claims 43 to 46 are the

same dependent claims as claims 6, 9, 10, and 11 except that claims 43 to 46 depend from claim 14 instead of claim 12.

Thus, claims 6, 9 to 14, and 35 to 46, as respectively amended or added, are allowable.

The specification, drawings, and claims as originally filed fully support the amended or additional claims. Therefore, the application with pending claims 6, 9 to 14, and 35 to 46, as respectively amended or added, is now in condition for allowance, and allowance is earnestly solicited. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

A one-month extension fee is due by the filing of this Response and Amendment. Please consider this paragraph such a Request for term, and charge such fees to Cirrus Logic Deposit Account No. 03-2028/0876-CS-D1. Also, if any other fees are due by the filing of the enclosed documents, including any fees incurred by any other extension of term, please consider this paragraph such Request for additional term, and charge any

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other fees associated with the Request or any other fees incurred by the filing of this document to Cirrus Logic Deposit Account No. 03-2028/0876-CS-D1.

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